

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of January 19, 2011, claims 1, 5 and 11 have been amended to incorporate the features of claims 3, 7 and 13, respectively, which have been cancelled.

Claim Rejections- 35 U.S.C. 103

At page 3 of the Office Action claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-12 and 14-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Alvesalo (U.S. 2003/0222899) in view of Pavley (U.S. 7,337,403).

With respect to claim 1, it is asserted that Alvesalo teaches the method as claimed (with reference made to Figure 4 and paragraphs [0021], [0025] and [0026]), except that it does not disclose presenting the user with a dialog box in which the user is able to provide a duration that the plurality of objects is to be displayed. However, it is asserted that this feature is disclosed by Pavley (Figure 21 and column 16, lines 20-33).

Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite the features previously presented in claim 3. As stated by the Office at pages 8 and 9 of the Office Action, claim 3 is not obvious in view of the cited references and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Because claim 1 now recites the features of claim 3, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 as amended is not obvious in view of the cited references, and is in allowable form.

Claims 5 and 11 have been amended similarly to claim 1. For similar reasons, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 5 and 11 are also non-obvious over the cited references and are in allowable form.

The remaining claims depend from and contain all the limitations of the independent claims, and are believed patentable for all the same reasons.

Conclusion

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are allowable in view of the prior art, and allowance of the claims is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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